

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 32

GOVERNOR'S LOGISTICS TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, North Carolina's ability to create jobs and to recruit and retain business and industry depends on an integrated system of transportation and commerce assets that enables people and goods to move swiftly and safely across our State; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has many existing transportation assets, including its highways, airports, ports, inland ports, and rail facilities; and

WHEREAS, these assets serve an increasingly global market and diverse economy, ranging from traditional manufacturing to new knowledge-based enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the volume of freight in the United States is expected to double in the next twenty years, and the number of highway miles traveled is increasing across the country; and

WHEREAS, many ports and intermodal rail facilities in the Southeast and across the country are already at or near capacity; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is poised to make significant transportation infrastructure decisions in the coming years to support key industries and continued economic growth; and

WHEREAS, these decisions must be guided by a strategic plan to maximize existing assets and prioritize new investments so that North Carolina gains a competitive advantage and emerges as a leader in transportation logistics.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Governor by the laws and Constitution of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

Section 1. Establishment

The Governor's Logistics Task Force (hereinafter the "Task Force") is hereby established. Task Force members shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Task Force shall consist of at least 25 members, but no more than 40 members. The Governor shall appoint a Chair and a Vice Chair of the Task Force.

Section 2. Meetings

The Task Force shall meet bi-monthly or at the call of the Governor or the Chair.

Section 3. Duties

The Task Force shall have the following duties:

- a. Conduct a thorough inventory and evaluation of existing public and private transportation and commerce assets, including ports, inland ports, airports, highways, railroads, major distribution centers, and business and industrial parks.
- b. Report on the current system for moving goods and people, including the condition of the system, its overall performance, and its safety.
- c. Project future needs for the state's multi-modal transportation system and explore challenges and opportunities in meeting those needs.
- d. Identify relevant research and best practices in transportation and logistics from other states.
- e. Inventory current laws, rules, policies, processes, and organizational structures that affect the movement of people and goods across the state and make recommendations for changes to improve the efficiency and safety of our transportation system.
- f. Explore innovative ideas in transportation and economic development that can help support the state's logistics capacity, including public private partnerships.
- g. Make additional short-term and long-term recommendations to create an integrated logistics plan for North Carolina.

The Task Force shall report its progress, findings, and recommendations to the Governor every six months, or more frequently, if warranted.

Section 4. Administration

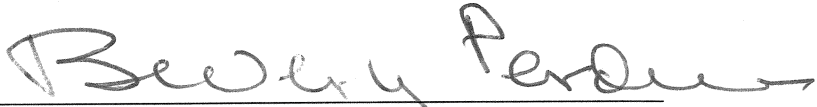
- a. The Department of Transportation shall provide clerical support and other services required by the Task Force.
- b. No per diem allowance shall be paid to members of the Task Force. Members of the Task Force and staff may receive necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with State law and the policies and regulations of the Office of State Budget and Management.

Section 5. Duration

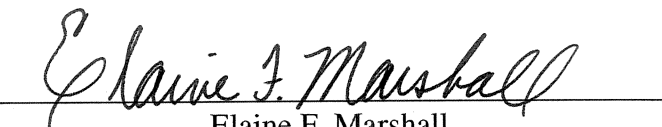
This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until December 7, 2011, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-16.2, or until rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this eighth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.




Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor

ATTEST:


Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State